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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/02/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/26/02
BRO-FRY	160,211	165,303
LT HENS	1,848	2,003
HVY HENS	1,592	1,584

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	212	7	219
LAST WEEK	294	0	294
SAME WK YR AGO	355	10	365
TO DATE 2002	13,105	272	13,377
TO DATE 2001	18,182	279	18,461

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,054	1,537	3,591
LAST WEEK	2,116	1,603	3,719
SAME WK YR AGO	2,210	1,323	3,533
TO DATE 2002	88,766	61,025	149,791
TO DATE 2001	94,950	59,757	154,707

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,649 (A)	1,842	1,530	3,372
AVG WT	5.22	3.49	7.91	5.50
LAST WEEK	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,675	1,855	1,313	3,168
AVG WT	5.04	3.48	7.87	5.30
TO-DATE/2002	6,688,770	75,661	60,753	136,414
TO-DATE/2001	6,630,249	76,768	59,478	136,246

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.6 million head or 3.4 million head more than or 102% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING October 19, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	25,828	27,588	55,455
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.81	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	24%	25%	51%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	15,964	18,164	23,878
AVG WEIGHT	3.37	4.60	5.90
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	31%	41%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	28,042	25,684	43,427
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.70	6.22
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	26%	45%
TO DATE/2002	1,077,890	930,121	1,727,434
TO DATE/2001	1,317,818	1,153,074	1,822,702

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,226	2,957	89	14	5,286
AVG WT	16.03	33.57	24.01	31.01	26.01
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506
TO-DATE/2001	86,378	118,751	1,979	506	207,614

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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